PRE-COURSE WORK ASSIGNMENT

COURSE: Fire Program Management, M-581

LESSON: G - Wildland Fire Use

UNIT: 4 - Program Implementation

SUGGESTED TIME: 1.5 hours

EQUIPMENT: Computer, Internet Access

MATERIALS: Pre-course Work Assignment; **Draft** *Wildland Fire Use – Implementation*

Procedures Reference Guide, March 2005; and Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy,

June 2003.

OBJECTIVES: At the completion of the pre-course work, participants will be able to:

1. Describe how wildland fire use can be used as an appropriate

management response to a wildland fire.

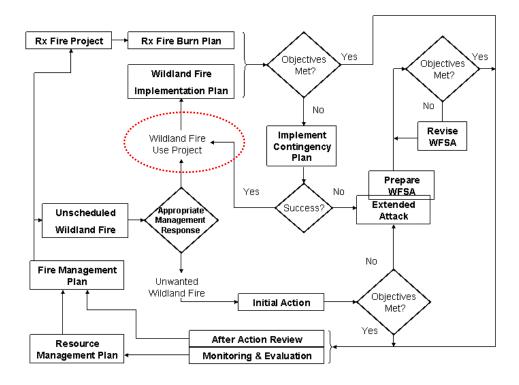
2. Describe components of the wildland fire implementation plan.

Interagency Strategy for Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy, June 2003

Within current policy documents, wildland fire use is considered an appropriate management response to a wildland fire start. The following flow chart, which you reviewed earlier in your pre-work reading shows the full extent of management options. Fire use can be a tool used on a naturally ignited wildland fire if the unit has a fire management plan approved, depending upon resource management objectives presented in that plan.

The definition of wildland fire use from the Implementation Strategy is as follows and can also be found in the new Draft *Wildland Fire Use – Implementation Procedures Reference Guide*, February 2005, which we will review below.

Wildland Fire Use: The application of the Appropriate Management Response to naturally ignited wildland fires to accomplish specific resource management objectives in predefined designated areas outlined in Fire Management Plans. Operational management is described in the Implementation Plan (Wildland Fire Implementation Plan [WFIP]).



Draft Wildland Fire Use - Implementation Procedures Reference Guide, March 2005

The *Implementation Procedures Reference Guide* was published to provide direction, guidance, and assistance in implementing the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy, specifically associated with the planning and implementation of wildland fire use, for the National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management.

Originally, this document was published as the *Wildland and Prescribed Fire Management Policy Implementation Procedures Reference Guide* (USDI/USDA1998) (1998 Guide). The 1998 Guide established consistent agreement between agencies regarding specific, detailed implementation of federal fire policy direction. The 2005 Guide represents the first revision to the original and expands and clarifies the process for wildland fire use planning and implementation consistent with the *Federal Wildland Management Policy Review and Update* (USDI/USDA/DOE/DOD/USEPA/FEMA/NASF 2001) and the *Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy* (USDA/USDI 2003). The 2005 Guide tiers directly to agency policy and guidance as specifically cited in agency manuals.

The DRAFT *Wildland Fire Use Implementation Procedures Reference Guide*, March 2005, describes basic policy framework and clarifies what is and is not applicable within policy. The new Implementation Guide incorporates changes and revisions based on seven years of experience in using the original process.

The purpose of the 2005 Guide is to provide standardized interagency operational level interpretation and implementation of the appropriate management response to all wildland fires, but has the greatest value for potentially long-duration wildland fires. Planning, implementation procedures, management requirements, and formats, including the Wildland Fire Implementation Plan (WFIP), are provided. The WFIP is a progressively developed strategic

plan consisting of three stages appropriate for changing levels of fire complexity and management needs.

Effective and efficient implementation of wildland fire is the goal of the Federal Fire Policy. Managing wildland fires to accomplish resource objectives, maintain public and firefighter safety, and manage cost expenditures requires significant information archival to document the management decision process for wildland fire use and other wildland fires. This evolving documentation process has been the cornerstone of successful applications of wildland fire use over the past 30 years.

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I. ACTIVITY 1

Reading and answering questions.

A. INTRODUCTION

The activity will provide clarification of the policy through complete descriptions of the flowchart, terminology, required background documentation, and interpretations and implications.

This activity will give you an opportunity to:

- 1. Review the procedures and requirements to implement the full range of wildland fire use management actions within an appropriate management response framework.
- 2. Review fire management definitions.
- 3. Review required background documentation.
- 4. Review wildland fire management policy.

B. ASSIGNMENT

- 1. Read the *Wildland Fire Use Implementation Procedures Reference Guide*, March 2005 Chapter 1 and Chapter 2.
- 2. Answer the following questions:
 - a. Can the full range of management options be used on a human caused fire?
 - b. What information must be provided in your fire management plan to have a wildland fire use program?

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II.	II. ACTIVITY 2 Reading and answering questions.				
	A. INTRODUCTION The information found in this documer direction for implementation of the fed			formation found in this document	will provide clarification of policy and current all wildland fire management policy.
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 B. ASSIGNMENT 1. In the Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy document, which can be accessed at the site listed, rea following pages. http://www.nifc.gov/fire_policy/strategy.htm Read #6, page 2 of the Operational Clarification for Consistent Implementation Read page 9-12 of the Policy Implementation Flowchart. Read Appendix A – Glossary, and B – Variation in Terminology (Source Comparison). 				th can be accessed at the site listed, read the v/fire_policy/strategy.htm nal Clarification for Consistent Implementation. plementation Flowchart.	
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	A. INTRODUCTION This activity will provide a complete dealove with associated implementation.				ete description of each portion of the flowchart shown tation procedures.			
1.			 This activity will give you an opportunity to: Review the wildland fire implementation procedures in the absence of a fire management plan. Review the wildland fire implementation procedures with an approved fire management plan. 					
	C.	1.	Re Gu	SNMENT ead Chapter 3, of the <i>Wildla</i> uide, March 2005. swer the following question	and Fire Use Implementation Procedures Reference			
			a.	What is the purpose of given management response su	ving management the ability to select an appropriate uch as wildland fire use?			
			b.	When would you go from II?	a Stage I Wildland Fire Implementation Plan to a Stage			
			C.	When would you go from Plan?	a Stage II to a Stage III Wildland Fire Implementation			
			d.	In which stage of the WFI	P would you describe your long-term actions?			
			e.	How often would a wildlar	nd fire use fire be revalidated?			